

REMARKS

The application has been amended. Claims 15, 19 and 20 have been amended. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the previously filed unentered Amendment has been requested. The present amendment proceeds from that amendment

Independent claims 15, 19 and 20 have been amended to more fully define the present invention. In an Advisory Action issued by the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that "Applicant has not claimed that the distensible support structure is in direct contact with the tubular body". In a follow-up telephone interview with Examiner Bachman, undersigned counsel discussed amending the claims to more fully recite the direct contact between the distensible support structure and the tubular body. Examiner Bachman indicated that subject to further search and examination, such an amendment would distinguish over the presently cited art.

It is respectfully submitted that having amended the claims as set forth above the application is now in condition for allowance subject to further search by the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including additional claim fees, associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment,

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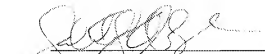
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to Deposit Account No. 20-0776. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the undersigned would be pleased to address them by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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